

REMARKS

In the present Amendment, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the recitation of claim 5. Accordingly, claim 5 has been cancelled. No new matter has been added, and entry of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the Amendment, claims 1-4 and 6-8 will be pending.

Applicants note with appreciation that claim 5 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

As noted above, claim 5 has been incorporated into claim 1, and accordingly, claim 1 as amended is believed to be allowable.

At page 2 of the Action, claims 1-4 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Leblans et al (US 6,967,339).

At page 3 of the Action, claims 7 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Leblans et al in view of Van den Bergh et al (US 6,815,092 B2).

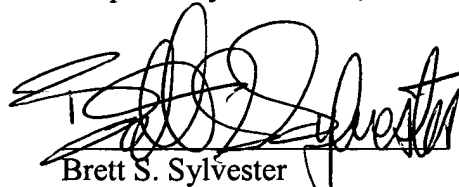
Applicants submit that these rejections should be withdrawn in view of the amendment to claim 1 incorporating the subject matter of claim 5.

Allowance is respectfully requested. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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